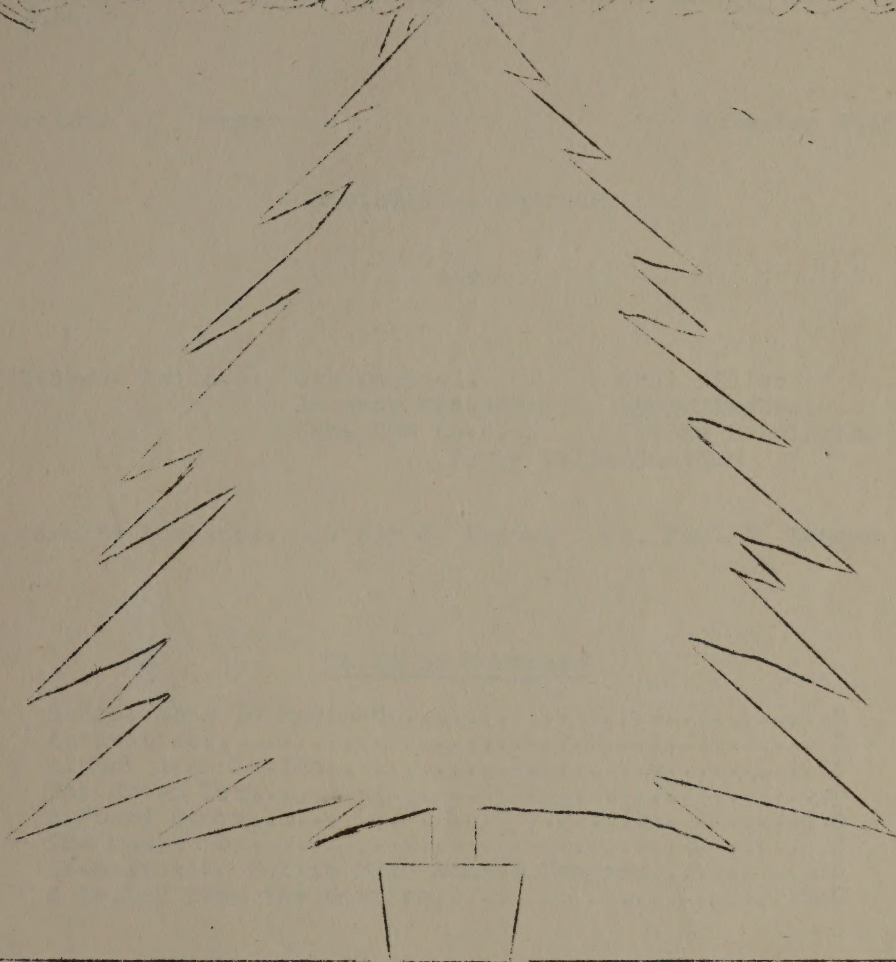


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### School Song Is Revised

In the first issue of THE KENTUCKY COLONEL we asked for suggestions as to possible changes in our school song, and the following is the result:

Where the great Ohio River rushes to its mouth,  
Far above the noisy city, gateway of the South,  
High she stands upon the hilltop, emblem of the free,  
Stands our noble Alma Mater,  
Stands the K. S. B.

High she stands upon the hilltop, towering 'bove the town;  
Underneath the blue of Heaven, looks she proudly down.  
Raise the cheer and send it onward--on to victory!  
Till the welkin sounds the chorus  
Round the K. S. B.

As we strive upon the ball field in the glorious fight  
We will bear our flag to glory; bear the red and white.  
Raise the standard, show its colors,  
So that all may see---  
Willing hearts wage zealous warfare  
For the K. S. B.  
As we ever move to vict'ry, let the cheering ring,  
And her loyal sons and daughters join us as we sing.  
Raise the chorus, send it onward,  
Love shall be the key,  
Written large upon our banners,  
Love the K. S. B.

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### Activities

School opened on September 16, and the usual excitement of reunion prevailed after the long summer vacation. Since that time, however, a number of important events has occurred.

The evening of November 1 was one of varied activities. First and foremost was our Hallowe'en Dance. At the same time a tacky party was in full swing. With both a dance and the party being held, the K. S. B. fairly buzzed with merry-making.

A great cause for rejoicing was the announcement of our Thanksgiving vacation. We had four days of fun and relaxation, during which most of the students went home. After a big Thanksgiving dinner, the boys who are going to Male High this year, attended the Male-Manual football game.





This year we will have the regular two weeks vacation for Christmas and all of the children will be able to go home for the holidays for the first time. The vacation will be from December 21 through January 5, 1947.

The organization of a school debating team is one of our most recent activities. We plan to have several meets with other schools here in the city and perhaps with another school for the blind. Mr. Roy G. Haynes is coaching our team, assisted by Miss Wash. We hope to have more news about this group in our next issue.

The graduating class of '46 appears to be doing very well for itself. Lucy Moore is working here in Louisville in a manufacturing plant, and Hilda Fay Smith is supplementing her commercial education by taking a post-graduate course at the Overbrook School in Philadelphia. Lemuel Hiatt is at home in Cynthiana awaiting the results of several interviews and will soon make the right connection we know.

We welcome the following new members to our official school family:

Mr. Charles Cox has succeeded Mrs. Maier in the office and came to us from four years in the Medical Corps with Uncle Sam.

Mr. Alex Dunton is from Virginia, and is our new shop teacher. He is also attending the University of Louisville.

Mr. Ben Johnson joined our faculty this year as teacher of the boys' physical education classes. Mr Johnson also comes to us with a fine service record in the Air Corps.

Mr. William Mootz is our piano and voice teacher, and a graduate of the University of Louisville Music School. He is an excellent teacher, and much liked by his students.

Miss Lula Mae Wash, a former member of the American Printing House staff, joined our faculty this year as a full time teacher of speech correction and braille.

Mrs. Black is back with us again this year after a sick leave since last March, and is teaching the fourth grade.

Our school also has had its share of romance during the past few months. Miss Dorothy Lechleiter, our fourth grade teacher last year, is now Mrs. Edward Kimel, and is busy keeping house instead of keeping school. Miss Jane Smith, our school nurse, has become Mrs. Harvey E. Elliott, and is continuing in her capacity as nurse.





When we returned to school this year we found that our school was the proud possessor of a new, big school bus, which most of us became acquainted with for the first time by a ride from the station or bus terminal. We have made several extra-curricular trips in the bus this fall including a visit to the Bowman Field air port and a chance to see some of the many planes there, and a short trip across the now free Louisville bridge into Indiana.

During the summer our new stage was equipped with a big, new curtain of a pretty, red material hung on a silent slide track. This will add much to our programs, recitals and plays for years to come.

The third and fourth grades have been moved this year to the two rooms in the boys' cottage corresponding to the first and second grade rooms in the girls' cottage. These rooms are bright and airy, and make ideal classrooms compared to the old rooms in the main building. All of the braille books have finally been assembled into one collection and indexed and placed in new stacks in the former assembly room. Miss Hicks is in charge of the library. The desks were removed from the two rooms on either side of the library, the former fifth and sixth grade rooms, and made into attractive reading and study rooms with tables, chairs, and magazine racks.

Mr. Edward Hash is the most recent addition to our faculty. In November a new course in radio was added to our curriculum, and Mr. Hash has been employed on a part time basis as our instructor. Mr. Hash is a "Ham" operator (that's not a pun, son) and our class already has a new short wave receiving set, and we soon plan to start work on our own transmitter. Several members of the class hope to be ready to apply for their amateur licenses in February. Mr. Langan has requested W-KSB for the call letters for our station from the Federal Communications Commission.

Another course has been added to our program this year, but it is not new. Mr. Richie has two classes in piano tuning and the boys who are enrolled are really going places.

Mr. and Mrs. Langan, Miss Allan, and Mrs. Traub represented our school this past summer at the biennial convention of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind. The meetings were held at the Perkins Institution in Watertown, Mass.

Miss Lula Mae Wash attended the summer session at Northwestern University.





Many former students will be interested in knowing of the passing away of our old organ. The organ has been standing on the north side of the former gymnasium room for more years than we can account for in our records. It is completely removed now, and the window it obstructed has been redecorated and gives much added light and brightness to our auditorium. A new electronic organ has been on order for several months and we are anxiously looking forward to this modern addition to our music facilities.

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### Alumni Association

Those of you who were unable to attend our Hallowe'en party on October 26, and our box social on November 23 will be interested to learn that they were completely successful --socially and financially. The box social surprised even our optimistic program committee. And incidentally, Mrs. Parker and her colleagues deserve a lot of credit.

Of interest to all COLONEL readers should be the objectives of the Alumni Association as set forth in the constitution adopted at the September meeting. We pledge our cooperation in the promotion of educational, legislative, recreational and employment opportunities for the blind people of Kentucky.

Within a few days the rules committee will be asked to draft a set of temporary by-laws to serve until the next meeting of the assembly.

Roy Haynes, President

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### Boy Scout News

Though much of Troop 10's energy has been confined thus far to organization and routine scout activities, there has yet been time for plans and original ideas. Mr. Richie and Mr. Langan are hoping to complete arrangements, whereby each member of our troop may enjoy at least one night this year at Camp Covered Bridge. The senior patrol, which is made up of eleventh and twelfth grade students, will be the first to go to camp. This year the Scouts are operating a refreshment stand, the proceeds from which are to be used for scouting and athletics. Mr. Richie has organized a male chorus, which is composed of twenty-four students. The Scouts hope they will enjoy a good season. This year, as in previous years, the Scouts are planning to sell Christmas cards as a means of partially defraying their troop expenses.





### A Funny Story (Ote Campbell's Idea)

Two of our boys went out into the yard for a smoke. One had a cigarette, the other had none. After he had bummed one, the second boy approached the first, and they expertly put the two cigarette ends together and began to puff. Nothing happened, so they tried again. Slightly annoyed by the failure, the second boy said, "Puff a little harder and get some fire into yours." Whereupon the first boy announced, "I thought you had a light!"

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### The Music Box

One of our most important activities is music. Mr. William H. Mootz, a graduate of the University of Louisville Music School, has joined our faculty as chorus director and music teacher. Mr Mootz presented an excellent piano recital on October 18th in our school auditorium to a large audience. Included on the program was music by Schubert, Schumann, Bach, Scarlatti, Brahms, Sinding, and Chopin. Mr. Mootz said he was quite nervous before the recital began. He was anxious that the school should be well impressed by his performance, for this was his first appearance here. Needless to say, were favorably impressed, and we are proud to have someone so talented as our instructor.

The chorus will present a Christmas cantata on Dec. 20th entitled THE CHILDE JESUS. The cantata includes choral numbers, solos, duets, and a trio. Part of the program will be presented over the radio too, on December 14 from station WAVE.

Again this year most of our major music students have the opportunity of attending the student series of concerts presented by the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra. These programs are always very enjoyable and an added highlight to our music activities.

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### Co-operative Public High School Program

A plan to give the students of our school the advantage of attending public high school was introduced this year. The eleventh and twelfth grades--seven boys and four girls--are attending Louisville Male High School and Girls' High School (Halleck Hall). Although this is something new in Kentucky, it has been tried successfully in some few other states. We are certain now that the experiment will work here. After two six weeks' grading





periods, most of us have made above average grades, and two of our boys were among the forty-eight seniors out of a class of three hundred to make the honor roll.

It has been a big job to make the adjustment necessary to attend school with sighted boys and girls. We have registered for the regular academic course and fulfill all requirements for diploma and graduation. We are taking Commercial Law, English, Spanish and History, and we have most of the same texts used by the high schools in braille. The other assignments are read to us, and in some cases hand-transcribed. We bring our tests back to school the day they are given in class and they are brailled for us and we prepare them that evening on the typewriter.

We continue to live here at school, of course, and go to and from the city schools by bus and street car. This gives us good travel experience in using public conveyances, and living at school enables us to carry on our work in music, physical education, debating, and dramatic club. We eat lunch at the school cafeterias with the other boys and girls, paying for it from our own spending money.

As a senior expecting to enter college next fall, I feel that this year at Male High has been most beneficial to me. This experience has broadened my view point of education and people, and the world in general, and will certainly help bridge the gap between a residential school and college or the business world. It is a great sense of satisfaction to compete with sighted students on their own terms, and sometimes defeat them. It has given us the confidence of what can be done in the future. We are making new friends each day at these schools that will last us a life time. The cooperation of the instructors and the students has been most encouraging and helpful.

So, more than ever, I am still proud to be a student of K. S. B.

Lynn Mitchell '47

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#### A Letter From the Hospital

(This letter was received by the students from Joanna Pennington while she was recuperating from an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital last month.)

Dear You'all:

I was much surprised to receive the letters to cheer me up. It was swell to hear all the latest gossip







